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THE STATE SYNOD.

The State Synod of the Presbyterian Church opens a three days' session in this city Tuesday night. About one hundred and fifty of the ministers and leading members of that great church will be the city's guests. We all want them to carry away a favorable impression of Winchester and its hospitality. We welcome them in the name of the citizens generally.

It is an important meeting of the church. Among other things to be discussed, will be the control of one of Kentucky's historical colleges—Central University.

Of course, the particular entertainment of these guests will fall to the lot of the members of the local Presbyterian Church. We feel confident, however, that if other help is needed it will be cheerfully given by citizens not members of that particular church.

AN APPRECIATION.

The News was much gratified by the cordial reception given to its first issue of Monday. We tried to give Winchester a good paper.

We ask the kindly indulgence of our friends and patrons for a few days until things get to running smoothly.

The mechanical force of the paper were practically all of them totally unfamiliar with the ways of the daily paper. Some few typographical errors crept in and a mistake or two in arrangement. But all such will be remedied in a short time.

We are pleased with the compliments the paper received and were thankful for the many kind words of praise. We shall try to live up to the expectation of our citizens and will from time to time, add other interesting features to the paper.

THE CAMPAIGN.

The presidential campaign has fairly opened in Kentucky. On Monday, prominent Democratic speakers spoke at many points throughout the State. With the coming of Judge Taft Thursday, the Republicans will have their fight well under way.

Outside of the controversy provoked by the speeches of W. R. Hearst the entire campaign has been conducted on the highest plane and absolutely free from personalities. We trust that the same good will is to prevail to the end.

Both parties have named men of the highest character as their standard-bearers. Either would dignify the great office he is seeking. The merchants and business men seem to be satisfied with the outlook. There are practically none of the wild charges of panic and demoralization of business that characterized the last three presidential races.

In a few weeks now, we will all see the result. The tension will be over and each of us will be able to resume his customary occupation without being distracted by politics.

An Explanation.

A Boston woman seeking divorce says her husband drinks 60 gallons of whisky a month. Her estimate is probably an exaggeration. If not, it explains why the average per capita consumption of liquor is so high among this sober people.—Rochester Herald.

Happiness and Beauty.

Happiness is the best beautifier. Health gives a clear skin and bright eyes; interest in others cultivates a high intelligence.

HAVE THE SECRET OF DRES.

Ellen Terry, English Actress, Pays a Deserved Tribute to American Women.

Women's clothes in America have improved since 1883—at least, such is the belief of Ellen Terry, who, in McClure's Magazine, discusses her impression on this vital topic. India shawls and diamond earrings have gone out.

All this has changed. The stores in New York are now the most beautiful in the world, and the women are dressed to perfection. They are as clever at the demi-toilette as the Parisian, and the extreme neatness and smartness of their walking gowns is very refreshing after the floppy, blowy, trailing dresses, accompanied by the inevitable feather boa, of which English girls, who used to be so tidy and "tailor-made," now seem so fond.

The universal white "waist" is so pretty and trim on the American girl. It is one of the distinguishing marks of a land of the free, a land where "class" hardly exists. The girl in the store wears the white waist; so does the rich girl on Fifth avenue. It costs anything from 75 cents to \$50.

EXPERT OPINION.



Uncle Josh—So you was once with a circus, huh? What's the best way to handle a mad elephant?
Bill Bunk—Well, sir, I allers found long handles the best, but some trainers use ter put shawl straps around de trunk an' throw 'em. Though I tink meself dey orter be sent ter de mad-house.

LOVE A FORM OF MADNESS.

Scientists say that love is a form of madness. Certainly the love-madness is about the most harmless form of dementia. It affords the afflicted one an endless amount of rapturous happiness, and to the world at large an opportunity to smile with a feeling of sympathy or envy behind.

Almost every adult has experienced wild transports of sentiment. They belong mostly to the youth. After a certain age love does not always create such fury and storm of emotions as that which sweeps the young, says Woman's Life. Age makes folks more matter of fact, but in the heart of every woman there lies a little memory story of her first wild love affair, and this she delights to dwell upon in idle dreaming moments.

EPISCOPAL WIT.

"Our Bishop Burgess," said a Garden City man, "is one of the few American clergymen, who, being graduates of the famous University of Oxford, are entitled to wear the Oxford hood."

"At a certain service another bishop, also an Oxford man, nodded toward the officiating clergyman and whispered excitedly to Bishop Burgess:

"Why, look, he has got an Oxford hood on."

"So he has," said Bishop Burgess.

"But he is not entitled to it. He has no Oxford degree," exclaimed the first bishop. "Why, the man is wearing a lie on his back."

"Hush," said Bishop Burgess. "Call it a false hood."—Cleveland Leader.

WHY SHE WORKED.

"They tell me you're working hard night and day since you were up before the magistrate for pushing your husband about, Mrs. Robinson." "Yes. The magistrate said if I came before him again he'd fine me 40 shillings." "And so you're workin' hard to keep out of mischief?" "What! I'm workin' hard to save up the fine."—Punch.

DUTY ON FILMS.

Moving picture films imported into India are liable to a duty of five per cent. ad valorem.

HITCHCOCK HOPEFUL

Over Prospects For Republican Success In Middle West.

New York, Oct. 12.—That there is a decided improvement in the outlook for Republican success in the middle west as compared with a month ago, was the opinion expressed by Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican national committee. Mr. Hitchcock had just reached the headquarters here after a week's stay in Chicago.

"The apathy which was apparent in the middle west a month ago has disappeared," said Mr. Hitchcock, "and reports from reliable sources leave no doubt of Republican success in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois."

Referring to Nevada, the chairman said that a few weeks ago he had intimated that Nevada might be doubtful. Since that time, however, he said the leaders in that state have furnished figures to prove that Nevada undoubtedly will be Republican at the next election.

Practical Joker Arrested.

Youngstown, O., Oct. 12.—John Reagan of East Youngstown was arrested for playing a joke on Annie Diebst. The woman came near being seriously injured as a result of the prank. She was hanging clothes in her yard when Reagan exploded a box of gunpowder behind her. He had invited a number of men to witness the joke. The woman's clothes caught fire and it was with hard work that the flames were put out. Reagan was arrested for assault and battery. He said he just wanted to see the woman jump.

TAKE BULLET FROM DEAD GIRL'S HEAD

Officer's Find Bloody Finger Marks in Razor's Pocket.

Wadsworth, O., Oct. 12.—County officials attempting a solution of the mystery still surrounding the tragic murder of Ora Lee, the factory girl, are holding an autopsy on the girl's body. It is believed that this autopsy will prove conclusively the presence of a motive for the girl's murder, intimated Saturday when her friends told of her condition, and their belief that Jay Razor, her lover, now held in the jail at Medina, was responsible for it.

A further examination of the overcoat taken by Marshal Bricker, and which the latter says is Razor's, reveals prints of the hand of a man in blood in the white lining inside the right pocket, the two first fingers and thumb showing very plainly. The prints are in the inside of the pocket, on the right side, where a spot resembling blood was formerly found. The coat will be sent away to have the blood analyzed and Razor's fingers will probably be compared with the mark. A bullet was taken from Ora Lee's head. It passed through from the right temple and was of 32-caliber.

Girl Accidentally Killed.

Portsmouth, O., Oct. 12.—Ethel Miller, 9, was shot and killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun which had been laid in the bottom of a boat in which she was riding, at Sciotoville, with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fultz. The party had been gathering coal on a sandbar and the coal was thrown on the gun and is believed to have caused the discharge of the gun.

Registration at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 12.—The official figures on the recent registration in Louisville, which have been given out, show that 51,696 persons registered in the city during the past week. The Democrats number 23,922, Republicans 18,555 and Independents 9,255; white voters 41,270, colored voters 10,426. This is the largest registration ever known in the history of Louisville.

Quail Came High.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 12.—Probably the largest fine ever assessed in a magistrate's court in this state was imposed on R. F. McMurtry of Sumner county. McMurtry was arrested by a deputy game warden while attempting to dispose of 50 quail before the opening of the season in Tennessee. He was fined \$50 for each bird, making a total fine of \$2,500.

Union With Greece.

Canea, Island of Crete, Oct. 12.—The Cretan parliament met and formally voted the union of the island with Greece. The Moslem delegates were not present.

THE MEAT OF IT.

The business portion of Melbourne, a small village near Tiffin, O., was wiped out by fire. Loss \$20,000.

Mrs. George Collier, wife of a rancher at Occidental, Cal., was drowned by falling into a vat of wine.

Martin Conly, Jr., of New York was crushed to death beneath a wrecked automobile.

Harry K. Thaw was refused a jury trial to determine the question of his sanity and must go back to Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane.

Frank McBride is in a hospital at Washington C. H., O., with three wounds in his head, inflicted by Rush George with a stone during an altercation between the men.

TAFT TALKS TO LARGE CROWDS

Visits Seventeen Towns in One Day—Spends Night at Akron.

AKRON, O., Oct. 12.—Seventeen Ohio towns heard and saw William H. Taft. He talked from Cincinnati to Akron, through a portion of the state conceded to have been a Foraker stronghold, with a portion of the territory Democratic. While there was not the same vim and snap to the enthusiasm which the candidate got in some portions of the west, he was listened to by large crowds, numbering thousands in many places, and what he said was well applauded and many cheers were proposed and executed with a will. There was no shout for Bryan heard. The important speeches of the day were at Zanesville, Cambridge and Akron, where in each instance the candidate left the train to meet his audience. In his Zanesville speech Mr. Taft went after both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Gompers.

"Mr. Bryan goes around the country saying I am the father of injunctions," declared Mr. Taft. "It is not true. I did not invent injunctions or injunctions in labor disputes. But it is quite natural that Mr. Bryan should make the mistake, because in a letter he wrote to the district attorney of Belmont, O., he said he had not read my decisions."

Continuing, Mr. Taft gave great emphasis to what he regarded as the effect of the decisions he rendered on the bench. "I laid down the law, and I laid down the principles," he said, "upon which the labor organizations in this country have since built up their prosperity and their usefulness, and instead of saying that, an enemy, recognize that I am one of the greatest benefactors that labor has had."

"I have been something besides a judge. I had 20,000 laborers under me on the Panama canal. Of course we had difficulties down there. We had the question of wages, and I decided against the laborers. What did they do? I gave them the reasons for deciding the way I did. Why, they elected me a member of their union. Why? Because I was fair to labor. Under that announcement the trades unions have doubled in this country; they never were in such a prosperous state; the American Federation of Labor has increased 100 per cent. Mr. Gompers' salary has been increased 50 per cent, and I am glad of it."

At the Akron meeting Mr. Taft reiterated the points he had previously made on the labor question and brought to his support the recent published letters of Daniel J. Keefe, member of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor and head of the international longshoremen and teamsters' organizations.

CHILD IS KIDNAPED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Little Heiress Taken From Grandmother by Force.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—In broad daylight, almost within sight of a police station, Margaret Frances Mitchell, aged 8, said to be an heiress to a fortune of \$250,000, was kidnaped here, and the authorities have instituted a country-wide search for the child. While on the street with her grandmother the little girl was snatched by one of three men in an automobile, and after the grandmother, Mrs. Caroline F. Mitchell, was knocked down, was taken away. Since then no trace of the child has been found, although the police are working on a clew that she was taken immediately out of the city, probably to Sparta, N. C.

Claim Sugar Company Insolvent.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 12.—Alleging that the Mexican National Sugar Refining company is insolvent, the Westrick Engineering company of Louisiana has made application to the court of chancery for the appointment of a receiver for the concern. In the application it is set forth that the assets and liabilities of the sugar company are "indefinite."

Boy Hits Bullet In Brain.

Dayton, O., Oct. 12.—Despite the fact that he has a bullet in his head, Eeburn Hanson, 15, a high school boy, is progressing satisfactorily and will live. While peering from behind a tree in the woods near Central Theological seminary he was struck by a bullet from the gun of a boy who was "shooting for fun."

What Grass Widow Means.

No woman need object to be called a "grass widow" on the plea that it is disrespectful. The term is from the French grace, the origin being "grace widow." It is an old and honored expression and means widow by courtesy.

Giant Moth of Brazil.

The gray and black Agrippina moth of Brazil is 13 inches from wing tip to wing tip.

FORMER SENATOR CLARK

Will Take Stump to Advocate Bryan's Election.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—Asserting that the business interests of the country would be benefited by the election of W. J. Bryan, Former Senator William A. Clark of Montana said that he would take the stump and aid in every way possible to bring about the election of the Democratic candidate. Mr. Clark called at headquarters and conferred with National Chairman Mack. Mr. Clark said:

"Mr. Bryan is making a most remarkable campaign, and I believe his chances are far better than they were in any of his previous contests. He has behind him a truly united Democracy. To me the most foolish thing about this campaign is the prediction of the opponents of Mr. Bryan that the election of the Democratic candidate would injure business prospects and bring about a panic. It will be difficult for Mr. Bryan to do more to disturb business conditions than has Mr. Roosevelt."

Belmont Wins Suit.

New York, Oct. 12.—It took the jury only half an hour to decide in favor of August Belmont in the suit for \$100,000 damages brought against him by John H. Freit, the jockey. Freit claimed he was libeled by Mr. Belmont when he posted him in the Racing Calendar as having left his employ without authority, saying Freit had been discharged because he failed on one occasion to take off his hat in saluting Mr. Belmont.

BRYAN TALKS TO UNIVERSITY BOYS

Makes Reply to Arguments of Governor Hughes.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 12.—In an address at the state university W. J. Bryan attacked the arguments of Governor Hughes of New York in defense of the Republican platform, dwelling on the difference between the two platforms relating to publicity of campaign contributions, and discussed the propriety of Roosevelt supporting Mr. Taft.

Delivered forcibly and in Mr. Bryan's best style, his speech was repeatedly cheered by the university students. In attacking the positions of the Republicans in the tariff situation, he delivered epigrams which kept the students cheering for minutes. During the speech he took a vote of the students who were for and against publicity of campaign funds, and those who were for and against election of senators by a direct vote. The principal part of the speech of the candidate was occupied by an answer to the arguments of Governor Hughes, who spoke to university students a short time ago.

Gavel Missing.

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—The handsome silver-mounted gavel presented to the transmississippi commercial congress by the Daughters of the Confederacy of Louisiana, is missing, and a careful search of the pavilion where the meetings were held and of the headquarters of Secretary Arthur Francis has failed to locate it. Every delegate to the congress still in the city was reached by telephone, but no sign of the gavel was forthcoming. The gavel was made of a piece taken from one of the magnolia trees on the battlefield of Chalmette, La., where General Jackson defeated Pakenham's veterans in 1812.

Students From Transvaal.

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Two bright young men from the Transvaal, who recently won government scholarships entitling them to study agriculture in American universities, have arrived in this city and have entered Cornell university. They are P. Neidling and A. Faure and both claim Pretoria as their home. Both are graduates of Cape Town university and were among a large number who took the examinations for the scholarships.

Will Notify Tapp.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 12.—The official notification of Sidney C. Tapp for president and John Maddock for vice president by the Liberal party will take place in Chicago Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, in the auditorium of Hall House, under the auspices of the Liberty societies and Cosmopolitan societies. Charles J. Moore of Atlanta will preside and will deliver the speech notifying Mr. Tapp of his nomination.

President Declines to Talk.

Washington, Oct. 12.—President Roosevelt told Congressman Barchfeld of Pittsburgh that for him to go on the stump and make a speech in Pittsburgh, as Republicans there desire him to do, would be the same as carrying coals to New Castle. There was absolutely no necessity for him to speak in Pittsburgh, he said, because that district in his opinion was entirely safe for Mr. Taft.

Turkish Gunboats Arrive.

Salonika, European Turkey, Oct. 12.—The Turkish cruiser Meljideh and three torpedo boats arrived here and proceeded on their voyage to the island of Samos. The island of Samos lies about 40 miles southwest of Smyrna, which is in Asia Minor. It is the nearest Grecian island to the Turkish coast and pays an annual tribute to Turkey.

HUSBANDS FOR CONVICTS.

Women in French Prisons Enjoy Privilege of Marrying in New Caledonia.

French female convicts enjoy a privilege not granted to female convicts in other countries—that of having husbands provided for them by the state. Only these husbands must be convicts.

Every six months a notice is circulated in the female penitentiaries calling upon all women who feel minded to go out to New Caledonia and be married to make an application to that effect through the governor.

Elderly women are always very prompt in making such applications; but they are not entertained. The matrimonial candidates must be young and exempt from physical infirmities.

The selected candidates have to sign engagements promising to marry convicts and to settle in New Caledonia for the remainder of their lives. On these conditions the government transports them, gives them an outfit, and a ticket-of-leave when they land at Noumea.

Their marriages are arranged for them by the governor of the colony, who has a selection of well-behaved convicts ready for them to choose from; and each girl may consult her own fancy within certain limits, for the proportion of marriageable men to women is about three to one.

It has happened more than once that pretty girls have been wooed by warders, free settlers or time-expired soldiers and sailors, instead of by convicts. In such cases the governor can only assent to a marriage on condition that the female convict's free lover shall place himself in the position of a ticket-of-leave man and undertake never to leave the colony.

THEY KNEW HIM.



Pompous Politician—Well, Hiram, I expect the folks here were mighty proud when they heard their former townsman had been made assistant secretary. What did they say?
Old Inhabitant—Oh, jes' laughed.

TWO EYES NOT AN ADVANTAGE.

The possession of two eyes does not confer upon us any advantage; one of them serves to show us the good things, and the other the evils of life. A large number of people have acquired the bad habit of shutting the first eye, but very few shut the second; and that is why there are so many people who would rather be blind altogether than see all they have to see. Happy the one-eyed who are only deprived of that evil eye which spoils all that we look upon.—Voltaire.

TOLERANCE.

We must vindicate the right of each man to do what he likes, and to say what he thinks, to an extent much greater than is usually supposed to be either safe or decent. This we must do for the sake of society, quite as much as for our own sake. That society would be benefited by a greater freedom of action has already been shown, and the same thing may be proved concerning freedom of speech, and of writing.—Thomas Henry Buckie.

WORTHY OF HIS METAL.

"I fear no foe in shining armour," sang the man at a concert.
"Don't you, old chap?" grumbled the bachelor in the front row. "Then you try to open a sardine box with a pocket-knife."—Penny Illustrated.

THE BACHELOR CYNIC.

Talking to anyone who is to be hanged to-morrow is easy and interesting compared with trying to carry on a conversation with a couple who were married yesterday.—Acheson (Kan.) Globe.

CARELESS CONVERSATIONALISTS

"What caused that awkward break in the conversation?"
"Some one dropped the subject."